(f) So far as AIR is concerned, at present, northern parts of Banaskantha and eastern parts of Panchmahals, Surat, Dangs and certain parts of Vadodara and Bharuch are not being served by the existing AIR stations.

As regards Doordarshan, about 44 per cent of the area still remains uncovered.

(g) By the end of 7th Plan, 100 per cent radio coverage is expected to be provided to the State of Gujarat through schemes estimated at Rs. 10.7 crores.

As regards Doordarshan, work on an L.P.T. at Bhuj, is in progress at an estimated cost of Rs. 20.3 lakhs and is expected to cover an area of about 2000 sq. km.

A 10 KW HPT at Bhuj and IPTs at Ahwa, Veraval, Palampur, Surendra Nagar, Junagarh, Amrali, Valsad and Godhra at an estimated cost of Rs. 530.60 lakhs have been proposed during the 7th Plan. These are expected to cover about 26000 sq. km of area. The coverage of the remaining areas of Gujarat will depend upon the availability of funds in future.

Sale of high yielding varities of wheat

1390. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the current rabi crop the sale of high yielding varieties of wheat seeds from the various Government agencies has been very poor and much below the target;

(b) whether the rate of seeds fixed by Government is accountable for the poor take-off and sale; and

(c) whether Governemnt propose to lower down the rates now and for the coming year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The sale figures from 1982-83 onwards of wheat seeds of high yielding varieties by the National Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India, the two public sector undertakings engaged in seed production, are given below:—

Year	Quality sold in quintals	
	NSC	SFCI
1982-83 . .	1,99,600	46,700
1983-84 . .	2,51,200	45,000
1984-85 . .	2,05,800	17,800
1985-86 . .	2,00,000	12,000

The figures are not final figures since Rabi sowing 1985-86 is still in progress and will continue right upto about the end of December. It is, therefore, premature to conclude that the sales are poor or otherwise till the sowing season is over.

(b) The Government of India has stopped the practice of fixing seed prices and left the seed producing agencies free to fix the prices exercising their commercial judgement. Threfore, it would not be correct to say that the rates fixed by the Department are responsible for poor sales.

(c) The question does not arise.

1391. (Transferred to the 10th December, 1985).

Feature film on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

1392. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any disposal for making a feature film on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) No such proposal is at present under consideration in this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of potable water in Andhra Pradesh

1393. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in each district of Andhra Pradesh where potable water has not yet been supplied;

(b) what is the number of villages proposed to be covered under the Seventh Five Year Plan in each district of the State where potable water will be supplied; and

(c) the time by when all the villages in Andhra Pradesh will be supplied potable water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the State Government.

Financial institutions for financing urban infrastructure development projects

1394. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are considering the establishment of a financial institution exclusively for financing the projects connected with urban infrastructure development and water supply and sanitation throughout the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These are being worked out.

Pan masala and zarda tobacco

1395. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that I.S.I. has issued its certification mark for 'pan masala' and 'zarda' tobacco;

(b) if so, what are the details of the standard; and

(c) whether the use of 'pan masala' and 'zarda' is considered hazardous for health?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P SINGH DEO): (a) The I.S.I has not issued any licence for Pan Masala as there is no Indian Standard for the same. However, the I.S.I. has issued three licences for chewing tobacco, zarda.

(b) A note on the Indian Standard IS: 2344—1973 chewing tobacco, zarda flake type is given in the attached statement.

(c) The principal ingredients of pan masala are Betelnut, lime, coconut, catechu Cardamom, Saffron, aromatic spices and flavours. According to Government's present knowledge, these ingredients either singly or in combination are not likely to be harmful to human health. However, Inidan Council of Medical Research has undertaken a study of carcinogenecity